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Application of: Lubenow et al.	
Serial No.: 09/812,541	ART UNIT: 1634
Filed: March 20, 2001	
Entitled: Methods for Separating Particulate Substrates from Solution While Minimizing Particle Loss	EXAMINER: A. Chakrabarti

Atty. Docket No.: QGN-004.0 US-1

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114(d)

Sir:

This Response is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 in the above-identified application and addresses the Examiner's remarks in an Office Action (Paper No. 7) mailed April 3, 2002. A Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 and a Notice of Appeal were filed in response to Paper No. 7 on September 10, 2002, however in an Advisory Action (Paper No. 13) mailed November 19, 2002, the Examiner refused to enter Applicants' Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116.

This paper is filed with an RCE, in order to secure consideration of the amendments proposed after the final rejection (Paper No. 7). A Petition for a three-month extension of time for filing Applicants' Brief, and the appropriate fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3), also accompany this Response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 5, 6, 7, 15, 16, 32, 36, 37, 38, 46, and 47.

Please amend the claims as indicated below and in clean form pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(i). A version of the amended claims with markings on a separate sheet pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is provided in Appendix A, and a complete set of pending claims, as amended herein, is provided pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(3) in Appendix B.